

Kirkby Lonsdale



URBAN DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR

1921.

Kirkby Lonsdale :

J. GRANGER & SON, MAIN STREET.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF KIRKBY LONSDALE.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report for the year 1921, prepared in accordance with your instructions and those of the Ministry of Health.

I wish to express my indebtedness to your Officials for their continued courtesies, but especially to the Sanitary Inspector for his services and for his assistance in much of the statistical portion of this report.

The Members of the Medical Profession have afforded me much help in my general duties and my heartiest thanks are offered to them.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. BARON COCKILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

27th March, 1922.

URBAN DISTRICT OF KIRKBY LONSDALE.

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For the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	3,254
Population (census 1921)	1,394
Number of inhabited houses (census 1921).....	} Not avail- able.
Number of families or separate occupiers (census 1921)	
Rateable Value	£9859
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£31

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	Total.	M. F.	
Births (legitimate) 16 ...	11	5	} Birth Rate (R.G.) 14.6
„ (illegitimate) 4 ...	3	1	
Deaths ... 19			Death Rate (R.G.) ... 13.9
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth:			
From Sepsis			0
„ other causes			0
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births:			
Legitimate			125
Illegitimate			25
	Total.....		150
Deaths from Measles (all ages).....			
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)...			0
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years)...			0

There has been no unusual or excessive mortality during the year.

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There were no cases of deaths from Tuberculosis, where the disease had not previously been notified.

The notification of known cases of Tuberculosis has invariably been carried out.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum Nil

An epidemic of Scarlet Fever occurred in January initiated at a children's entertainment.

4.—CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

There have been no specially noteworthy causes of sickness or invalidity in the district.

5.—SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.—(a) General District Nursing Association; (b) Infectious Diseases, e.g., Measles, etc. District Nursing Association.

District Nursing Associations are voluntary organisations receiving grants in aid from the County Council.

MIDWIVES.—No subsidy is paid by the Public Health Authority to the three practising midwives.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.—Tuberculosis Dispensary at Kendal. Travelling School Dental Clinic.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority, or by the County Council:—

Hospitals.	Situation.	Accommodation.
Tuberculosis	Meathop, Grange-over-Sands	150 beds
Maternity & Children	Nil.	
Fever	The Sanatorium, Kendal..	46 beds
Small-pox	Nil.	
Ethel Hedley Hospital	Calgarth, nr. Windermere	30 beds
School (orthopædic)		
Venereal Disease		
	North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness	

The Westmorland County Hospital contains 50 beds, available for all non-infectious medical, surgical, and abnormal midwifery cases. It is supported by voluntary contributions. Cases are also admitted to Lancaster Infirmary.

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS, ETC.—St. Monica's Maternity Home, under the control of Carlisle Diocesan Maternity Committee.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.—(a) Infectious cases. Removed by the Kendal Ambulance; (b) Non-Infectious cases. St. John Ambulance Brigade.

6.—LABORATORY WORK.

The combined districts of Westmorland have provided laboratories at Kendal, to which any practitioner may send specimens for examination. Sputum is also examined at

Meathop Sanatorium. The following have been done for Kirkby Lonsdale :—

Diphtheria	41
Scarlet Fever.....	4
Tuberculosis	3
Malaria	5
Total.....	53

Diphtheria Antitoxin is issued free for the treatment of all necessitous cases, excepting patients under the National Health Insurance Act; also for both necessitous and insured patients for prophylactic purposes.

7.—SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS, ETC. :—

Part III. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890	1891
Infectious Diseases, (Prevention) Act, 1890.....	1891

BYE-LAWS :—

Private Scavenging	1874
Prevention of Nuisances	1874
Common Lodging-houses	1874
Slaughter-houses	1874
Markets and Fairs	1874
New Streets and Buildings	1914
Regulations under Sec. 13 Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order	1907

TABULAR SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE SANITARY DEPARTMENT, ETC. :—

Defective Water Closets	1
Defective Drains	4
Defective Gullies	2
New Manholes	1
New Ventilators	1
Insufficient Lighting	1
Total.....	10

No formal notices and 10 informal notices were served.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION :—

Water Closets	344
Privies	85
Total.....	429

There were no conversions during the year.

Regular inspection of slaughter-houses, dairies and cow-sheds, butchers shops, and bakehouses, has been made and the sanitary condition of all premises where food is prepared, stored, or exposed for sale, is good.

There are three private slaughter-houses, which have been maintained efficiently.

Disinfection is carried out after all infectious cases.

No facilities exist for disinfestation.

Communication was made with all retailers of shaving brushes, drawing attention to the possibility of anthrax infection from this source.

A pamphlet on Encephalitis Lethargica was supplied to all Medical Practitioners.

8.—STAFF.

Name.	Qualification.	Office.	Whole or part time.	Other Offices.	Salary contributed under P.H.A. or Exchequer grants.
W. B. Cockill	M.D., etc. D.P.H.	M.O.H.	Part	M.O.H. Combined Districts of Westmorland	Yes
J. Kassell	M.S.A. A.R.San.I.	Sanitary Inspector	Part	Surveyor	Yes

9.—HOUSING.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR :—

(a) Total	Nil
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme.....	Nil

UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

I.—Inspection.

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910.....	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably unfit for human habitation	1

II.—Remedy of defects without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.....	10
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